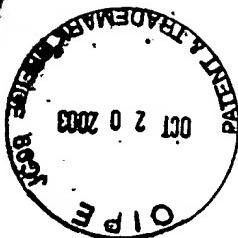


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In re Patent Application of:  
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CONTROL METHOD THEREOF, A  
RECORDING MEDIA ON WHICH THE  
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Dear Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Fee
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